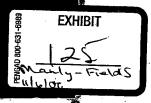
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Oct Tools, Release 5.0

Oct Tools is a collection of programs and libraries that together form an integrated system for IC design. The system includes tools for PLA and multiple-level logic synthesis, standard-cell placement and routing, and custom-cell design, and a variety of utility programs for manipulating schematic, symbolic, and geometric design data. Most tools are integrated with the Oct data manager, the VEM user interface, and the design manager VOV.

The new software in this distribution includes:

VOV Trace-based design manager

symhelp, rpc-symhelp Checks and cleans up symbolic cells

spice3e SPICE circuit simulator, version 3e1 (user's

manual not included).

oct2hilo Converts cells to HILO format (courtesy of

MCC).

phyt Adds text strings to layout.

tech-edit, tapPP, tap-print For support of technology descriptions (e.g.,

layout design rules).

Also included are the following programs, most of which were already in 4.0 and have since been updated and improved:

attache Text-based Oct editor and browser

bdnet Converts a text-based netlist format to Oct.

Extracts combinational logic equations from a

description written in the BDS hardware de-

scription language

chipstats Prints out statistics about a chip

ciftooct Converts cells from CIF to Oct format

crystal The Crystal timing analyzer with an Oct

interface

espresso Multiple-valued PLA minimization program

gem CMOS gate-matrix module generator

genie Generalized array optimizer

hpgI Converts Oct to HPGL format

jedi State assignment program

jumbo Netlist partitioner

lightlisp C-based interpreter for a subset of CommonLisp

mag2oct Converts cells from MAGIC to Oct format

mighty Rip-up-and-reroute router

misII Multiple-level logic optimization program

mizer Minimizes the number of vias in a cell

mosaico Macrocell place-and-route system.

msumap Convert a schematic of MSU Standard cell sym-

bols to physical views

musa Simulates logic and gate-level circuits read from

Oct or sim files (with X11R4 graphics capability)

mustang State assignment program for multiple-level

finite state machines

nova State assignment program for PLA-based finite

state machines

oct2ps Generates a PostScript representation of an Oct

facet

octdiff Compares two Oct facets and reports the

differences

octdrc Checks a design for DRC violations

octflatten Geometry and netlist flattener

octgc Garbage collector for objects in an Oct facet

octlisp LightLisp with Oct bindings

octmm Mask manipulation program

octpla PLA generation program

octprop Adds properties and bags to Oct facets

octspice Oct interface to the SPICE3C1 circuit simulator

octtocif Converts cells from Oct to CIF format

padplace Assigns locations and/or creates formal termi-

nals/pads for a facet. Also does pad power/

ground ring routing

pat2tap Converts text-based technology descriptions to

tap

prim Generates vias

puppy Simulated-annealing based placement program

putconst Allows the user to place compaction constraints

on instances and formal terminals

sparcs Symbolic layout spacing and compaction

program

TimberWolfSC Standard-cell placement and global routing

program

vem Extensible graphics editor using the X Window

System (X11R4)

vulcan Cell abstraction generator supporting hierarchi-

cal design

wolfe Standard-cell design style macrocell generator

yacr Channel routing program

yal2oct Converts a YAL description to Oct

The following VEM Remote Procedure Call (RPC) applications are included:

rpc-crystal An RPC version of the Crystal program

rpc-dbx Allows the use of dbx on RPC applications

rpc-error Interactively displays errors

rpc-sparcs An RPC version of the Sparcs program

The following packages are included:

avl AVL tree package

cif, cp CIF parser package

da Dynamic array package

error Creates error information for use by rpc-error

errtrap Exception-handling package

fang, harpoon Manhattan geometry manipulation packages for

Oct

fc Filename completion package

gu Geometric updates package

iv Allows interactive changing of variables

(X11R4)

kd K-D tree package

lel Label evaluation package

LightLisp C-based interpreter for a subset of CommonLisp

list Doubly linked list package

mkarray Places and wires array-based layout structures

mm Memory allocation package

nle Netlist editing package

oct Data manager

OctLisp LightLisp with Oct bindings

octmm Oct mask modification package

oh Oct helper functions and macros

options Option parsing and usage message package

port Portability package

region Region searching package for Oct

rpc VEM/Oct remote procedure call library

st Hash table package

symlib Symbolic policy library

tap Technology access package

timer Multiple stop watch timer package

tr Transform package

uprintf Parses and formats variable length argument

lists

utility Utility/system services package

vov nterface for the design manager VOV

vulcan Cell-abstraction generation package

xg Graph-drawing package (X11R4)

Also included is the Microelectronics and Computer Corporation (MCC) Data Management System (DMS) for Oct.

The following cell libraries are included:

MSU Standard Cell Library, version 2.2 PLA Primitives MOSIS Pads UCB Pads Gate-Matrix Primitives

Hardware/Operating System Requirements: The software loads in approximately 70MB and requires approximately 120MB to build all of the programs. Spice3E and the Gnu software must be compiled separately. The software has been built and tested on the following combinations of machines and operating systems: DEC VAX running Ultrix 2.2, 3.X, and 4.1, and 4.3BSD UNIX; DECstation 3100 running Ultrix 4.1; SEQUENT Symmetry running DYNIX; Sun 3 and 4 running OS 3.5 and 4.0 and Sun SparcStation running OS 4.0. The program has been tried on the following machines, but is not supported: HP 9000/350 running HP BSD and HPUX 7.0, Apollo running SR10, IBM RS/6000 running AIX 3.1, and IBM RT/PC running AIX 2.2 and ACS.

Please note that most of these tools are the results of previous or ongoing research projects and do not always form a turnkey or production system. They have bugs that we have not yet found and do not always work together as well as they should. While they work for us (CAD researchers, IC designers, VLSI classes) and other universities, you may have to modify them to fit them into your CAD system.

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- Tool User's Guide and Tutorials (includes tutorial for VOV (Oct Tools Version 5)). Available separately for \$30.00.
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could send it out to the public if the public requested 1 2 They could take the source code. They could try doing things with it, but they had to acknowledge that it was -- it was developed at Berkeley. But -- and that you weren't allowed to charge for the source code itself. So you couldn't say this is my -- public domain to me, my understanding was is that it was sent out to 9 the public. Here is a piece of software. You get to 10 use it. It's copyrighted by Berkeley, but we're letting 11 you use it freely. But you can't charge for it. 12 was my understanding. 13 BY MR. BOYCE: 14 Do you recall anybody actually ordering 15 Octtools and receiving a distribution? 16 Oh, a lot of people did, but I don't have Α 17 records on who. We used to keep records. Everything 18 was handwritten in terms of our recordkeeping at that 19 time because we didn't have -- like I said, we had 20 computers, but I don't think Microsoft was out at that 21 time, or it might have been. I didn't use it, but we 22 were using UNIX at the time. Everything I had to do was 23 in UNIX, so yeah, tell me about it. I had to format 24 everything. So everything was done in UNIX. 25 So all the orders, the order forms, everything 21

was in paper. I would have a file folder, here are the 1 papers, so the orders would come in, we would process 2 it, and then it would just go into a file folder, and then it went into the drawer. And the monies would go to UC Regents. 6 Okay. I'd like to just go through the exact Q 7 steps of a typical order, order process. So you said the first thing, somebody would 9 contact you? Well, there are two ways people could do it. 10 Α 11 You could actually walk into my office, if you wanted 12 to. Or what would happen is somebody would call up and 13 say, "I want to order Octtools." I'd tell them okay. 14 So what we would have to do is let me send you a 15 catalog. We sent them the catalog, I said, because in 16 the catalog is an order form. 17 So I'd send them the catalog because I didn't 18 fax in those days either because I'd get too many 19 orders. So I'd send them the catalog. Then they would 20 fill out the form. They'd have to sign the back of it. 21 If it wasn't -- I was real anal. If they didn't sign 22 the back, you didn't get the software. I'd have to send 23 it back to you, okay. 24 They'd have to sign the back stating that they 25 understood what the rules and regulations were, and then 22

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what we would do is they'd have to attach a check, and
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      then we would pack up the software.
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               We had a little office that we actually had --
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      all the source codes were made by the students for me,
      and we would have extra books that we kept downstairs,
      and we would have copies made -- ERL provided the books
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      for us because I'd tell them I need X amount of books,
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      and then we would distribute whatever books went with
      the -- the software.
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               You said ERL was downstairs?
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      They had a whole little section made, and so I think it
      was at the time Doris was handling ERL stuff. Her name
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      was Doris. And I don't know exactly what her procedure
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      book, they would go to her. She would give them an ERL
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      memorandum number. So you would see some of the books
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      might be called ERL M520. 520 happened to be SPICE.
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      remember that one. But that would be in it, and then it
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      would have a title, and then the student's name and the
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      faculty, the actual book, same cover, and it was
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      bounded. There's the book.
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distribution, so people would get that information with 1 the source code itself. It's this big round thing. I 2 remember Octtools came like this on a big round reel at 3 that time. Okay. So you said you would receive a form and 0 6 a check? That's correct. That was the first step. And Α I checked to make sure that I got the check, that I 8 understood what they needed, and then I checked to see 10 on the back if they signed the contract. Those were the 11 three things I -- I looked for. Then I put -- then I 12 would take that order, because I'd get them all in the 13 mail, and I would put them in another folder that meant 14 to be processed, and then I had students that would 15 process them for me. 16 They went into another little room where we 17 actually had mailing -- you know, all the mailing stuff 18 you needed, the envelopes, the -- you know, would put a 19 copy -- the student would go into this other little 20 room. 21 0 Where was that room? 22 It was adjacent to my office. It was a Α 23 little -- you know, a small little room, and it had 24 usually no windows or anything. But it would have in 25 it -- the books would be in there. We would have a 24

1 bookshelf with all of the different books. I wouldn't 2 have a whole bunch of books, but I'd have enough to be able to distribute, and then we would have the source 3 code, so the source code would also be on a book -hanging on a book thing, so we knew they were clearly marked. And then so the students, they would look at the order. They would see that, for instance, like 8 Octtools. Octtools would come with this big reel and I don't know how many books. So we'd put the books with 10 it if that was the order. Then we'd put a copy of their 11 12 order -- so you have to make a copy. They'd put a copy 13 of the order on top of it, and then put it in -- we had 14 a little printer that we print out the names and 15 addresses, put it on there, and then we'd send it. 16 had the mail -- the mail division would pick it up. 17 Who established the procedure you've been Q 18 describing? 19 When I took the job over in '85, they sort of I'm the one that actually started --20 were doing things. 21 I was more organized than most of the people that were 22 doing it, that I actually organized it and set it up 23 that it would run smoothly, and we would get it out 24 within -- we usually told people it could take anywhere 25 from four to six weeks, but we would try to get it out 25

1 BY MR. BOYCE: 2 Q Okay. 3 If you ordered it through me. I can't speak to Α the FTP one. I can only speak for the -- through the 4 software office. So do you -- do you recall -- okay. Let me go back to the steps. 8 It says "to obtain ordering information." That 9 sounds like a precursor to the distribution, the 10 ordering information. 11 Am I correct? 12 Yeah. It was an order form. That's what they Α 13 mean. To get the order form, you needed to contact me. 14 Q Okay. And those are the steps we went through, 15 your procedure? 16 Α Mm-hm. 17 Do you recall in the 1990 -- on or about Q 18 September 29th, 1990 receiving any requests for ordering 19 information for Octtools 4.0? 20 I probably did, but I don't recall because I 21 don't have any of that information. I mean, I don't 22 have any orders in front of me. I remember that it 23 was -- it was somewhat popular. A lot of people did 24 order it. But I couldn't say how many did. I don't 25 know. 33

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Operator

Good afternoon. My name is Rebecca and I will be your conference operator today. At this time, I would like to welcome everyone to fiscal 2007 first quarter earnings call. All lines have been placed on mute to prevent any background noise. After the speaker's remarks, there will be a question-and-answer session.

[Operator Instructions].

Thank you. I will now turn the conference over to Mr. Milan Lazich.

Milan Lazich - Magma Design Automation, Inc. - Corporate Development and Marketing

Good afternoon. Welcome to Magma's earnings call for our fiscal 2007 first quarter. On the call are Rajeev Madhavan, Magma's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Roy Jewell, Magma's President and Chief Operating Officer and Pete Teshima our Chief financial Officer.

We will today review the results for the recently completed quarter and discuss our direction going forward. The press release announcing our quarterly results we distributed shortly after 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight time today and is available on the Magna

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So I still see very strong growth in market share. And to reiterate what Rajeev said, very strong contributions to the backlog so that we have a strong annuity to draw on to grow the revenue side of the business going forward.

So I think we're very positive and bullish right now.

Rich Valera - Needham & Co. - Analyst

Okay. Thanks, Roy.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Raj Seth with Cowen and Company.

Raj Seth - Cowen and Company - Analyst

Hi, thanks. I've got a couple.

Roy, a couple of quarters ago you guys talked about the potential for seeing some impact within your customer base from the ongoing litigation. Last quarter you didn't see any -- any change? Do you sense any additional skittishness relating to the ongoing litigation? Or is not in fact having a material impact on your business intake?

Roy Jewell - Magma Design Automation, Inc. - COO

I'll change it. It's having an absolutely no impact on our business. And there's actually a proprietary market research document that we bought earlier this quarter that they polled a number of our customers. And, in fact, I think it was a number of 30 some customers on the response of what's the litigation going to have in terms of impact on your purchasing decisions.

And it came back 100% said none.

Raj Seth - Cowen and Company - Analyst

Okay. That's good news, a couple of others if I might.

Are you, you made a comment about share. And I'm curious if you guys still continue to believe that in the core markets where you have participated before? I know it's a little bit difficult because you're expanding the boundaries of your coverage, but all in EDA seem to be doing well. Do you think you're, at this point, taking meaningful share in for example your visual implementation core business still? Or is the share comment a function of this expanding market tam, which you take advantage of?

Rajeev Madhavan - Magma Design Automation, Inc. - CEO

Again, just to answer the question Raj. I'm Rajeev.

We think we will take another 10% every other year. Every 2 years we've been taking 10%. And this is no different infusion because of what we've done with Talus. We continue to see increase in market share. In fact the comments we got from Talus from non-Magma users were extremely positive. In fact a number of engagements that are going on are with non-Magma users. And we think Talus will allow us to collect that 10% more market share mold in our core implementation products.

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Every 2 years we do 10%. And that we think will continue.

Raj Seth - Cowen and Company - Analyst

And on the Talus product if I'm an existing Blast customer, is that something I get under maintenance or do I pay more for it? And how fast would you expect your Blast base to transition to this new tool?

Roy Jewell - Magma Design Automation, Inc. - COO

Raj, no, it does not come under maintenance. It's a new product.

And so our current customers will have to be making the decisions as they move into the more aggressive parts of 65 and 45 nanometer process technologies to decide whether they want to make the transition based upon the efficiencies or the total, the technology advantages.

But I think you're going to see a few this year, a few of the leading edge designs. And I think the acceleration will start later next year and move into probably fiscal 2009 very aggressively where it becomes the dominant product that we're selling.

Raj Seth - Cowen and Company - Analyst

Okay. One last one, I feel a bit like Jay here, but one last one if I might.

The router in Talus is that a new router? I mean you've had some issues historically with your router. I know you have a number of different projects designed to produce a next generation router. Is that; is there something new in Talus there? Or what's the story around the router?

Rajeev Madhavan - Magma Design Automation, Inc. - CEO

Talus is absolutely is the next generation router. And we are evolving further on that router. So Talus is absolutely a heavily different changeable for Magma in the lead in the routing space as well. And that's one of the things that uniquely makes Talus very differentiatable.

The other thing I want to make sure that you understand, with Talus the whole flow is paralyzable. I mean not like others claim in terms of my routers is paralyzable. I mean by the time the routing can be done, the whole chip can be done.

Raj Seth - Cowen and Company - Analyst

And, sorry, just a follow-up. The router here that's in Talus, is that something that you're still selling Blast products. Is that something that you insert into the current Blast line as well? Or do I need to buy Talus in order to get it?

Rajeev Madhavan - Magma Design Automation, Inc. - CEO

Some of the process rule requirement special things have certainly been migrated into the Blast Fusion. Some of the routing capabilities are in Blast Fusion. Some of the newer routing technologies, including the bond technology that we are bringing online slowly over a period of time will not make its way into the Blast Fusion technology.

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5(c)(1)(A);⁴ Employers Teamsters Local Nos. 175 & 505 Pension Trust Fund v. Clorox Co., 353 F.3d 1125, 1132 (9th Cir. 2004) (dismissing claims).

3. Plaintiffs' challenge to Magma's rebuttal of Synopsys's claims fails for the additional reason that it attacks constitutionally-protected speech immunized by the Noerr-Pennington doctrine.

In accordance with the First Amendment, the Noerr-Pennington doctrine provides immunity from liability arising out of the filing and maintaining of a civil lawsuit, so long as the litigation is not a sham. Manistee Town Ctr. v. City of Glendale, 227 F.3d 1090, 1092, 1094 (9th Cir. 2000) (holding that doctrine extends beyond antitrust context). "Noerr-Pennington immunity, and the sham exception, also apply to defensive pleadings because asking a court to deny one's opponent's petition is also a form of petition . . . " (citation omitted). Freeman v. Lasky Haas & Cohler, 410 F.3d 1180, 1184 (9th Cir. 2005). Moreover, the Noerr-Pennington doctrine extends immunity not only to the actual proceedings but to conduct incidental to prosecution of the suit. Freeman, 410 F.3d at 1184 ("'[C]onduct incidental to' a petition is protected by Noerr-Pennington if the petition itself is protected."). Such constitutionally-protected "incidental" activity includes press releases. See, e.g., Aircapital Cablevision, Inc. v. Starlink Comme'ns Group, Inc., 634 F. Supp. 316, 326 (D. Kan. 1986) (public relations campaign and press releases concerning suit are immunized); Columbia Pictures Indus., Inc. v. Prof'l Real Estate Investors, Inc., 944 F.2d 1525, 1528-29 (9th Cir. 1991) (consideration of settlement offer was protected conduct incidental to suit (citing Aircapital, 634 F. Supp 316, 326 (D. Kan. 1986))), aff'd, 508 U.S. 49 (1993); Bristol-Meyers Squibb Co. v. Immunex Corp., 84 F. Supp. 2d 574, 578 (D.N.J. 2000) (when statements to Congress were protected, attendant statements reported by press were equally protected). Here, plaintiffs attack exactly the kind of statements that Noerr-Pennington protects — a press release incidental to a suit announcing Magma's intent to defend itself, and subsequent statements that plaintiffs claim should have said more concerning that suit. Complaint ¶¶ 45, 48-51. Moreover, plaintiffs have not even attempted to show that Magma's defense was a sham, as they have not alleged (and cannot allege) that Magma had no

Even absent meaningful cautionary language, there is no liability for forward looking statements absent actual knowledge of falsity, which plaintiffs have not alleged here. 15 U.S.C. § 78u-5(c).

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good-faith defenses to the Synopsys suit. All claims based on statements involving Magma's prospects in the Synopsys suit are thus barred as a matter of law.

III. **CONCLUSION**

The United States Supreme Court recently had occasion to remind the nation of the important function served by the strict pleading standards of the PSLRA. Referring to the legislative history of the act, and to prior Supreme Court decisions, a unanimous court in Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Broudo, 125 S. Ct. 1627, 1634 (2005), commented that the statute is designed to prevent "abusive" practices including "the routine filing of lawsuits . . . with only a faint hope that the discovery process might lead eventually to some plausible cause of action"; to preclude plaintiffs "with a largely groundless claim to simply take up the time of a number of other people, with the right to do so representing an *in terrorem* increment of the settlement value, rather than a reasonably founded hope that the [discovery] process will reveal relevant evidence;" and to avoid transforming private securities actions into "a partial downside insurance policy."

To effectuate these purposes, the complaint in this case should be dismissed.

Dated: March 24, 2006

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DETAILED ACTION

CONCLUDED REEXMAINATION PROCEEDING

1. The reexamination proceeding is concluded because of the Statutory Disclaimer filed on 9/22/06.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PATENTABILITY AND/OR CONFIRMATION

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for patentability and/or confirmation of the claims found patentable in this reexamination proceeding:

The invention in '501 patent is directed to a process used to guide layout of a single scan chain in the placement procedure for an integrated circuit design. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features.

Regarding claim 1, partitioning said scan chain into a plurality of sets of re-orderable scan cells, wherein partitioning information which describes the scan cells of each set is generated; and based on said partitioning information, re-ordering scan cells of said scan chain during layout processes of said integrated circuit design, said step of re-ordering only re-ordering scan cells of a same set.

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Regarding claim 8, a scan chain partitioning system for partitioning said scan chain into a plurality of sets of re-orderable scan cells and for reporting partitioning information indicative thereof; and a place-and-route system for generating a layout from said scannable netlist, said place-and-route system for re-ordering said scan cells of said scan chain based on said partitioning information by only re-ordering scan cells of a same set.

Regarding claim 15, (b) partitioning scan chain into a plurality of sets of re-orderable scan cells and generating partitioning information indicative thereof; (c) providing said scannable netlist and said partitioning information to a layout process; and (d) said layout process re-ordering said scan cells of said scan chain based on said partitioning information by only re-ordering scan cells of a same set.

Regarding claim 22, b1) partitioning said scan cells of said first scan chain into sets according to a first characteristic of said scan cells wherein scan cells of a given set share the same first characteristic; and b2) partitioning scan cells of said sets of step b1) into subsets according to a second characteristic of said scan cells wherein scan cells of a given subset share the same second characteristic and the same first characteristic; and c) constructing a second scan chain by breaking said scan cell ordering of said first scan chain and reordering said scan cells based on said partitioning information wherein only scan cells of a same subset are allowed to be reordered.

The dependent claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-21, and 23-26 are dependent of the independent claims 1, 8, 15 and 22; and therefore, they are confirmed for the same reason noted in the independent claims above.

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The closest prior art, Barbagallo et al. ("Scan Insertion Criteria for Low Design Impact",

Proc IEEE VLSI Test Symposium 1996) and Barbagallo et al. ("Layout-driven Scan Chain

Partitioning and Reordering", IEEE European Test Workshop, 1996) disclose conventional scan

chain reordering, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above

features obvious.

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